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SUBJECT: REPORT OF NUCLEAR SMUGGLING INCIDENT IN KAMPALA

REF: 2007 STATE 162091

- $\P1$ . (SBU) Post wishes to alert the Department and Washington agencies per reftel A that RSO Kampala has interviewed two walk in SUBJECTS with information regarding uranium. After interviewing the SUBJECTS, Post does not believe there is any validity to their claim.
- <u>¶</u>2. (SBU) The responses below are keyed to reftel A
- 13. (SBU) Details of the incident follow:
- 1A. Location: Current location is claimed to be in a hotel in the Nambasumba neighborhood of Kampala, Uganda. The name of the hotel and more specific location is unknown.
- ¶B. Transport status: The material is stationary in a hotel room. It is housed in a metallic type container.
- ¶C. Unknown
- ¶D. Means of transport. Material arrived from The Democratic Republic of Congo via unknown means.
- 1E. Intended destination: None. Material is intended for sale.
- of Congo, NFI.
- ¶H. Type of material: Uranium. Clear or pale liquid. Approximately 2 kilograms housed in a metallic container.
- 1. Date/Time: 10/27/2009; 1000hrs
- ¶J. Source: Two walk in SUBJECTS
- ¶K. N/A
- ML. Red mercury was also claimed to be at the location. Quantity is unknown
- 1M. Source of information appeared at U.S. Embassy Kampala.
- ¶N. Additional details:
- 11. Name and contact info: Philemon LUZIBIZA, cell:
- 256-0757-118-153. Amos NGARE, cell: 254-721-60000-88.
- ¶2. Motivation for reporting is to keep Uganda safe. They did not request any compensation.
- 13. Container is metallic in appearance; similar to a large thermos.
- $\underline{\P}4$ . The material is claimed to be clear or pale liquid.
- 15. The walk in is not in possession of material but can guide authorities to its location.
- 16. The walk in was at the same hotel as the person who is reported to be in possession of the material.
- <u>¶</u>7. Unknown
- 18. Walk in does not have direct access to material.
- ¶9. 10 million U.S. dollars.
- 110. Walk in claims that the material was dripped on a piece of glass and the glass shattered. Walk in claims that this proves it is uranium
- 11. Unknown
- 112. Walk in has not approached local authorities over fears of corruption/arrest.
- (SBU) Action Officer at post for handling this case is ARSO Ben Eisele, reachable via Post One at 256-414-30-6207 and email at eiselebp@state.gov LANIER